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Invention of the Compass.

The valuable invention of the compass is involved in mystery and its discoverer is unknown. In fifteen, in his history of the Portuguese discovery in the new world, states that Vasco da Gama brought it to Lisbon from the coast of Africa on his return from Melinda, where the Arabs then used it, and he believed the Portuguese to be the first to use it in Europe. Some attribute it to Flavio Joao, of Amalphi, about the year 1300; while others again are of opinion that the invention is due to the Chinese, and that one of their emperors, a celebrated astrologer, was acquainted with it 1,000 years before the Christian era, nor are others again been wanting who have supported the opinion that it was known to the time of Solomon. The ancient Greeks and Romans are also supposed by some to have used it, but the silence of their historians on this subject renders this statement doubtful. *New York Ledger.*

It Was Loud.

"That banquet speaks for itself!" exclaimed Mrs. Fangle, as she showed her eye headgear to her husband.

"What?"

"The noise in the door," replied the brute in Harlow's Bazaar.

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It Was Loud.

"That bonnet speaks for itself!" exclaimed Mrs. Fangle, as she showed her new headgear to her husband.

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